

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. Claims 8-27 are currently pending. Claims 8, 16, 18, and 23 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Rejection of claims 8-27 under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 8-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over (U.S. Patent No. 4,674,044) (“Kalmus”) in view of (Schildt, Herbert. Turbo C/C++: The Complete Reference, Osborne McGraw-Hill, Berkeley, CA. 1990, pp. 13, 561, and 727-730) (“Schildt”).

The independent claims have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Support for the added limitations can be found in the specification, for example, at page 10, lines 11-19. It is respectfully submitted that the arguments presented in the office action mailed June 24, 2005 are no longer applicable in view of the amended independent claims.

Regarding the Kalmus reference, Kalmus does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. For example, Kalmus does not teach or suggest automatically revoking, after a predetermined duration of time, a trade request from the customer if the trader does not accept the trade request. Schildt, likewise, does not teach or suggest the claimed invention, nor does it cure the deficiencies in Kalmus.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response. With consideration of the above amendments and remarks, the undersigned submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with the undersigned, in person or over the telephone, we would welcome the opportunity to do so.

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